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Proposal for Supplement 6 to the 06 series of amendments to Regulation No. 16 (Safety-belts)

Submitted by the expert from the Netherlands *

The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from the Netherlands aimed at clarifying the provisions for the approval of "general-use" safety-belts. The modifications to the current text of UN Regulation No. 16 are marked in bold for new or strikethrough for deleted characters.

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I. Proposal

Paragraph 7.7.1., amend to read:

"7.7.1. The belt assembly shall be mounted on a trolley equipped with the seat and the **general** anchorages **as** defined in Annex 6 to this Regulation. However, if the belt assembly is intended ... the maximum number of real anchorage points."

Annex 1B, item12, amend to read:

"12. Approval granted/refused/extended/withdrawn[2] for **fixation to the** general ~~use~~ **anchorage positions as defined in Annex 6 to this Regulation**/for use in a ~~particular~~ **specific** vehicle or in ~~particular~~ **specific** types of vehicles[2,4] "

II. Justification

1. The current proposal aims to clarify the term "**general use**"-safety-belt (Annex 1B, item 12).

2. The expert from the Netherlands had noted that the current understanding of "**general use**"-safety belt is misleading and suggests an allowance of installation that does not exist.

3. Type approved safety-belts of this kind, should be attached to the anchorage point according to the coordinates specified in Annex 6 of this Regulation; an installation outside these coordinates is not permitted.

4. The current proposal aims at providing clearer wording and a better correspondence between paragraph 7.7.1. and the Communication sheet/approval certificate.